

**REMARKS**

Claims 7 and 11-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, the Examiner stated that the application is in condition for allowance, except for the presence of claims 3-6, which have been withdrawn from consideration, and the presence of non-elected subject matter encompassed in claim 7. The Examiner also pointed out that when claim 7 is limited to the elected subject matter, claims 12 and 13 are redundant.

Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled the non-elected subject matter from claim 7 by amending "m represents an integer of 2 to 4" to "m represents an integer of 2 to 3," and by amending the last line of claim 7 to add the proviso "wherein  $m + k$  is 3." In addition, claim 13 has been amended so that the claim depends from claim 7 or claim 11, and does not depend from claim 12. Finally, claims 3-6 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 Q68142**  
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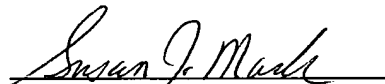
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